

already talked to Senator Labeledz about this, so that's why I knew there would be no objection, because once having given her word, she would not back up on it. And that could save time by the Speaker not having to wait a long time. But the reason for withdrawing that amendment and offering this one is because the green copy is no longer the bill that we're dealing with. We now have a white copy which incorporates all of the amendments that have been adopted so far. So this amendment, which had been printed and offered in connection with the green copy, will now be added to the white copy, if I can persuade 24 of my colleagues to vote with me. What the amendment would do, and you have a copy of it, is what we had discussed the other day requiring, and that is if a high school nurse, if a school nurse or counselor, doesn't have to be high school, is informed in the course of his or her actual duties in dealing with a young female student, that this young female is pregnant and that she intends to have an abortion and she does not intend to notify her parents, that the counselor or the nurse will tell this young lady of the requirements in LB 425 which are that she must notify her parents, or seek a bypass by approaching a judge. That is as simple and direct as I can state what this amendment will do. We adopted, the other day, an amendment offered by Senator Withem which states that the schools will provide written information to the students about the requirements of LB 425. But as we all know, much written material handed out at the schools is not read by the students. If it's taken home sometimes parents will not read it. So the time for this information to be given is when a set of circumstances exist when the information is needed. It has been expressed, by those who support 425, that the intent is to notify the parent or guardian that this young lady is intending to have an abortion. What this amendment does is to have an additional type of notification, namely to the one who is most intimately and directly involved, the young lady. She is notified of a right which is being preserved to her by 425. That right would be to seek a bypass. She would not have to take this information to the parent or the guardian if, by doing so, too severe a problem would be presented to her. So we have the circumstance of a right being preserved, but nothing in the bill that would ensure that the person for whom the right is preserved would have knowledge of and information about it. What this amendment would do is to keep all of this matter within the circle of people who have expertise, competency and, we presume, concern for the health and well-being of the young lady. So we presume that the counselor and the nurse, or the nurse will behave in a